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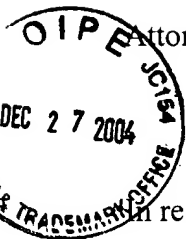
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RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004. Applicants respectfully request amendment of the patent application, and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.